



# CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES

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(Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as to expenditure of funds derived from Measure Z.)

## APPLICATION FOR FUNDING



Agency Name: **Humboldt CERT Coalition—Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**

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1. AMOUNT OF MEASURE Z FUNDING REQUESTED FOR FY ~~2019-20~~ \$ 29,320.34

2. ENTITY TYPE -- Please check appropriate box.

a. Humboldt County Department ☐

b. Contract Service Provider to Humboldt County ☐

c. Local Government Entity ☐

d. Private Service Provider ☐

e. Non-Profit Service Provider ☐

f. Other ☒ Volunteer Organization

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3. Please provide brief description of proposal for which you are seeking funding.

This is a joint application on behalf of seven of the nine established Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in Humboldt County, as members of the Humboldt CERT Coalition (HCC), for funding to purchase basic emergency response equipment, CERT volunteers are registered Disaster Service Worker Volunteers trained to augment and assist first responders when disaster response needs exceed available resources.

Local CERT Teams of Humboldt County have individually acquired a limited quantity of equipment over the past five years to supplement their 23-hour basic training provided at no cost to volunteers, and to increase team capabilities. Teams are affiliated with fire departments and law enforcement agencies as volunteer support. (See attached organization chart) Due to unprecedented interest in CERT training in Humboldt County as well as sustained, demonstrated momentum in local team development, basic equipment and supplies caches need to be completed to prepare the team members for duties assigned by their sponsoring agencies, as well as assisting in their own neighborhoods immediately following a major disaster.

**4. *Measure Z* funding is scheduled to “sunset” in 2020. How are you developing a plan for sustainability, including diversification of funding sources, in order for your proposal to carry on without reliance on future *Measure Z* funds?**

Each team is responsible for its own budget or support by the agency of affiliation. However, those contributions have been very limited. The basic equipment needed by all teams is being requested under the Humboldt CERT Coalition (HCC) to bring the teams up to standard in a more timely and efficient way.

HCC is comprised of the Team Leaders and Alternates who collaborate on community training, team support functions and public education about CERT. The teams have held fundraisers in their communities, received grants from local service clubs and in-kind donations from community members. Future equipment replacements are anticipated to be covered by similar activities and several teams are exploring becoming 501(c)(3) organizations in order to apply for grants or to hold fundraisers. HCC also economizes purchase prices by utilizing group purchasing.

The types of equipment we are requesting in this application were carefully selected to ensure that the most critical needs defined by all teams are met, mostly with items that won't have to be replaced for at least five years, or at all.

**5. If this request is for the continuation, or expansion, of an existing program/service, what is the current source of funding for that program/service?**

Humboldt CERTs are sponsored by agencies authorized to register Disaster Service Worker Volunteers, but they are not typically provided with any funding, due to budget constraints. Some teams have successfully raised funds from local philanthropic clubs and public fundraisers, received donated equipment when the sponsoring agency receives upgraded equipment, or even purchased their own supplies as volunteers committed to the program. Some CERT supplies and training materials were provided by California Volunteers in the past, but funding was discontinued, and we last received materials through that program in 2014.

**6. If you are awarded *Measure Z* funds, how will you use them to leverage additional grants, contributions, or community support?**

Grants and community contributions will be enhanced by the *Measure Z* funds award. This is strong evidence of the public's support for inclusive community preparedness, since we will all be affected by the next weather event or strong earthquake, for instance. Our CERT volunteers are willing to help in their communities by assisting with expanding the reach of the fire and law agencies they serve. Individual teams have already held fundraisers in their communities, received grants from service organizations and donations or in-kind materials from neighbors and businesses in their response areas. One or two trainings per year are funded by the Homeland Security Grant Program and open to all county residents. The *Measure Z* funding shows that our program is recognized for its value in our County. We anticipate increased activities and advertising to bring even more attention to the CERT presence.



7. **Will this proposal require new or expanded activity on the part of another entity to be fully functional and effective? If so, please describe.**

No, the teams are currently sponsored by established local public safety agencies. If Measure Z funding is awarded, it will benefit the sponsoring entities by helping to expand their volunteer capabilities. The CERT Teams provide assistance to first responders, particularly at those times when the call response volume exceeds staffing in emergencies. The CERT volunteers can be much needed extra support so that professional responders can focus on the most critical tasks

8. Are there recurring expenses associated to this application, such as personnel costs? Please check yes or no and if so, please detail those expenses. ☐ Yes ☒ No

**ATTACHMENTS—Please include the following with your application**

**Proposal Narrative:** Brief description of your request for *Measure Z* funds – Please explain how it is an essential service or for public safety. (one page maximum)

**Prior Year Results:** If your request is a continuation of a program funded with *Measure Z* in prior fiscal years, please provide the results of implementation. (one page maximum)

**Program Budget**

***I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements and all attachments are true and correct***

DATE: February 25, 2019

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



Linda Nellist, Chair, Humboldt CERT Coalition

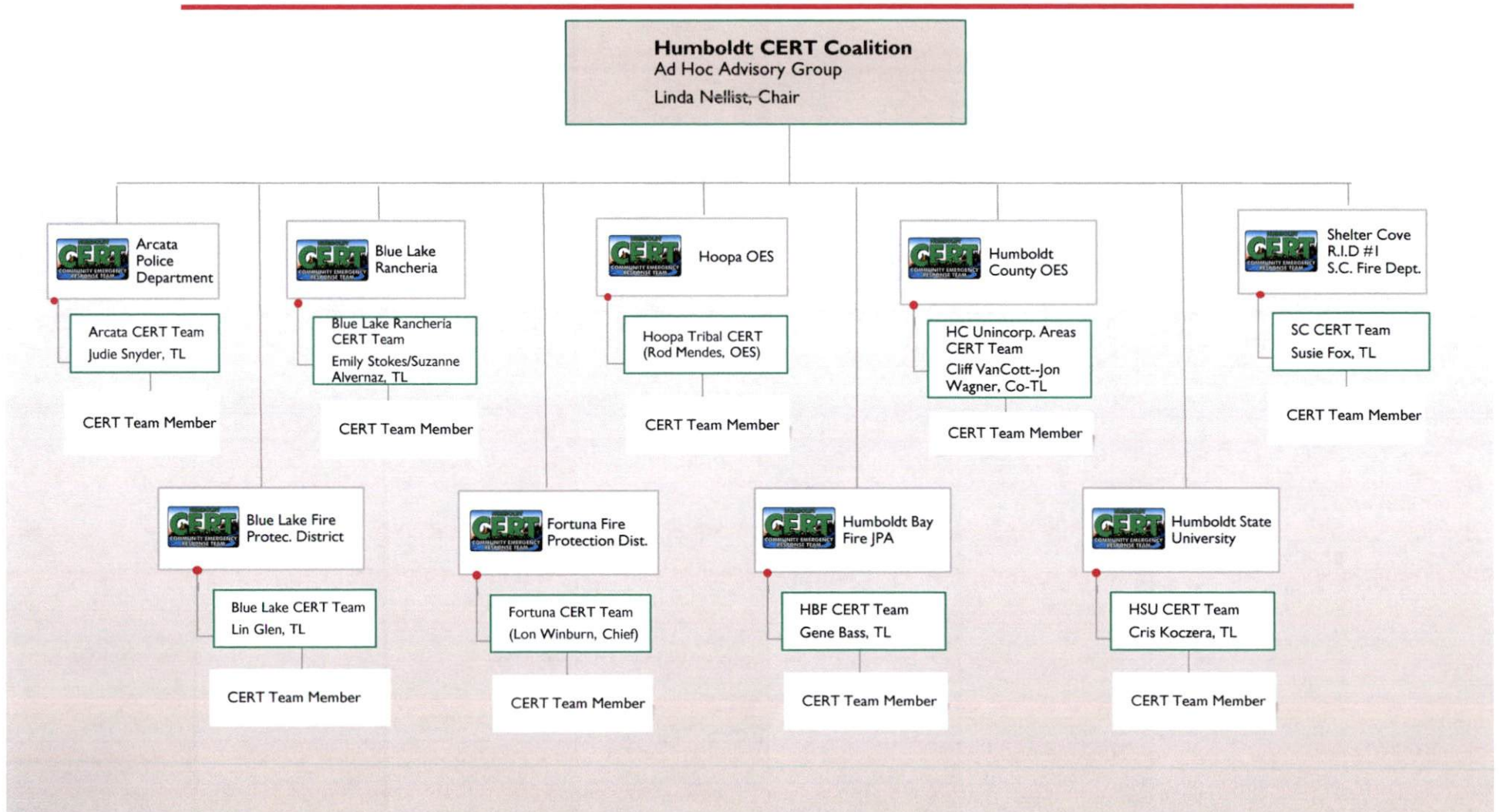
**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:**

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on *Measure Z* Expenditures  
c/o County Administrative Office  
825 Fifth Street, Room 112  
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

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# ESTABLISHED CERT TEAMS—HUMBOLDT COUNTY

AS OF JANUARY 2019





## **Humboldt CERT Coalition: Proposal Narrative**

The Humboldt CERT Coalition (HCC) provides community disaster preparedness training for residents of Humboldt County, California, and the established teams are volunteer support for the first response agencies that sponsor them. The long-held concept that preparedness means having a three-day supply of food, water and medications is not realistic for our region. There is a great likelihood of Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquakes, perhaps as large as a Magnitude 9 lasting for as long as five minutes, followed by tsunamis that will arrive within 5-15 minutes along our coastline. We have already experienced earthquakes and tsunamis of lesser magnitude that caused significant damage in our county.

In addition to the potential for major earthquakes and tsunamis, the northwestern region of California has a long history of devastating wildfires and winter floods that have resulted in the loss of human lives and economic ramifications that have lingered for decades past the event itself.

Such disasters with far-ranging and wide-spread impacts require residents to prepare to mitigate hazards, reduce injuries, save lives, and make practical plans ahead of time so that they can recover more readily. The training that the HCC provides addresses those issues within its 23-hour basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. This course is used nation-wide by FEMA's Citizen Corps to expand the number of trained volunteers in communities susceptible to disasters.

It is based on a foundation of teaching modules that educate individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their region, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members have a productive way to assist others in their community, tribe, neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professional responders may not be immediately available to help due to the extreme volume of 9-1-1 calls.

In Humboldt County, we have nine teams established or in process of formation. These are comprised of all volunteer members who bring their skills and energy to the fire and law organizations they serve. In addition, the teams often help promote public education events for their agencies by staffing informational displays or assisting with presentations and have recently participated in local full scale drills. CERT teams also include HAM radio operators.

The equipment and supplies the teams have acquired to date have been provided by grant funds, business and in-kind donations, or through community fundraisers. In order to bring the teams to a basic standard, we request the items listed in our budget document to increase the ability of each team to respond in a timely manner with proper equipment.

By providing critically needed equipment, Measure Z funds become a force multiplier so that our CERT teams are ready to react as a much-needed resource to response agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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# Humboldt CERT Coalition Budget--Measure Z

February 25, 2019

#	Item Name	Description	Total		Priority
			# Order	Price Ea.	Totals w/Tax+S&H
1	Family Radio Service radios	120 Handheld sets w/chge base			
	Midland - GXT1030VP4, 50 Channel	GMRS Two-Way Radio-Pair Pk	60	70.00	4,557.00
2	Generator & 5 Gal fuel can	2000--3500W			
	Honda Generator	Honda e2200i	7	1,500.00	11,392.50
	Fuel Can	5 Gal. No spill spout	8	38.00	329.84
3	EZ-Up Canopy	10x10 ft with side panels			
	Canopy Shelter	Incl. wheeled case, stakes, side panels, free shipping	7	329.00	2,498.76
4	Triage tarps	1 set of 4--red,yellow,green,blk			
	Triage tarps--set of 4	R-Y-G-B, 10x12 ft.	14	76.00	1,279.44
5	Triage marking system	triage ID tape w/ fannypack			
	Triage marking tape set	Plastic tape rolls--4 colors w/dispenser strap & caribiner	30	10.95	382.42
6	Backboard	plastic			
	Pro Lite ProEco Backboard	Neon yellow, 'IronDuck'	14	167.00	2,536.73
	Backboard strapping	Nylon all in one strapping	14	50.00	904.50
7	Gas/water shutoff tool	metal			
	4 in 1 utility tool	Water, gas, pry, dig	36	11.15	535.52
8	Storage tubs	Heavy duty 4 Pack			
	82Qt weather tight bins--IRIS	Lockable, 30x15x16"	8	175.00	1,670.90
9	Pry bars	48" & 60 "			
	Pry bar, 48" w/ pinch point & curved		10	24.00	260.40
	Pry bar, 60" pinch point		6	26.00	169.26
10	Traffic cones	28 in. Orange			
	Orange, 28" traffic cones	2 reflective strip	54	12.50	924.38
11	Wagon cart--equip transport	w/case & all terrain wheels			
	Steel frame w fabric	31x22x10 folded	12	80.00	1,041.60
12	N95 masks	Heavy duty 100 ea.			
	3M #8200 N95 mask	Box of 20	35	9.19	388.99
13	Mylar emerg. blankets				
	Case of 50 Mylar blankets		14	29.50	448.11
Grand Total					29,320.34